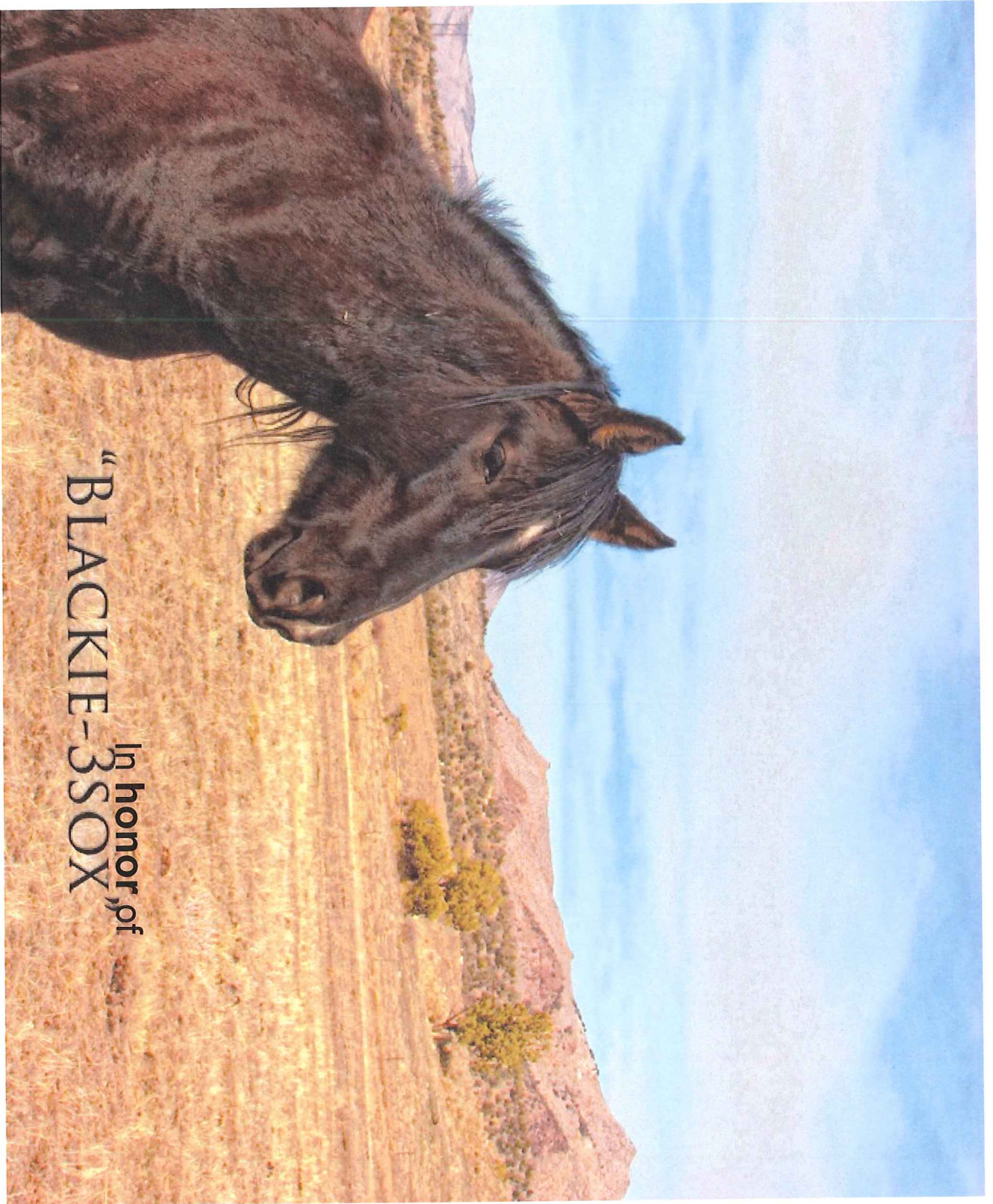


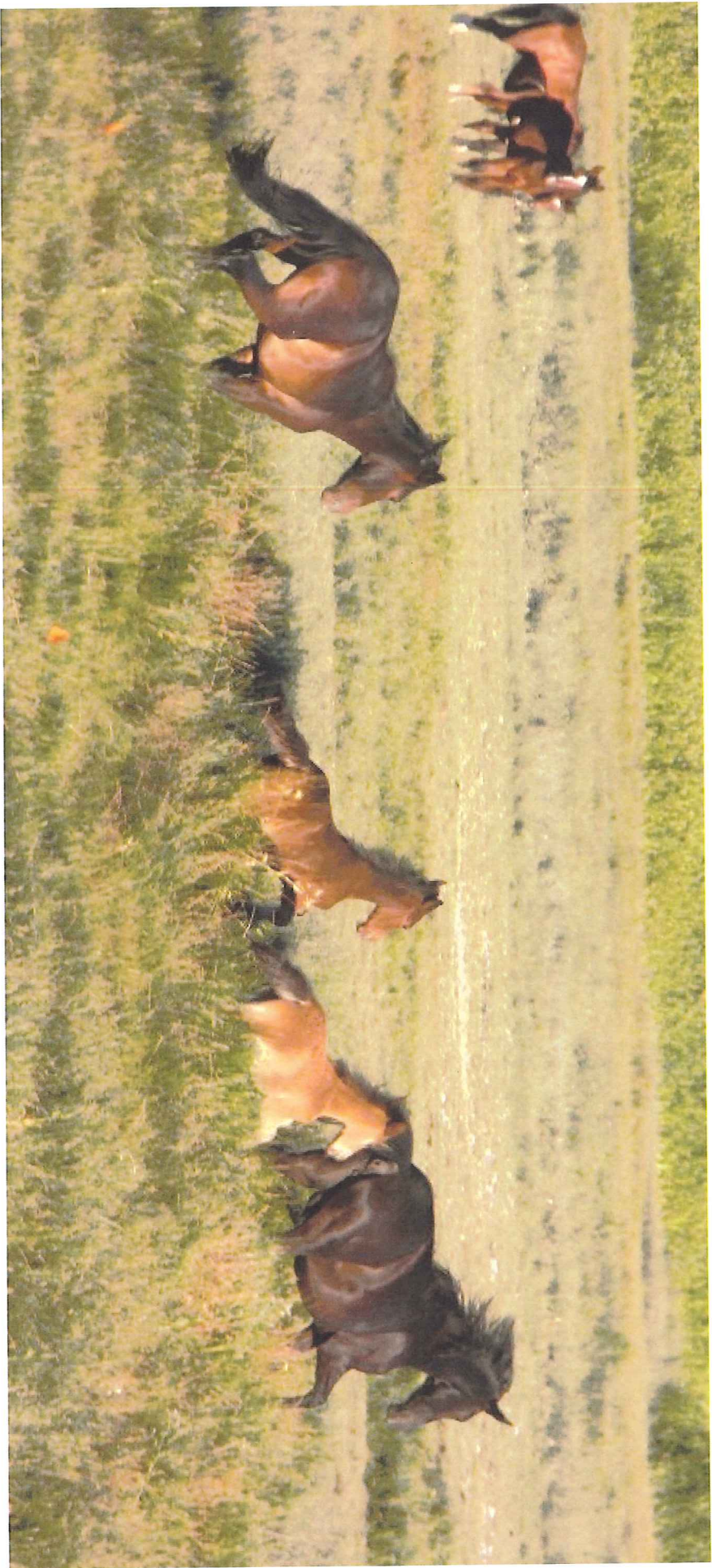
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Nevada IS Wild Horse Country

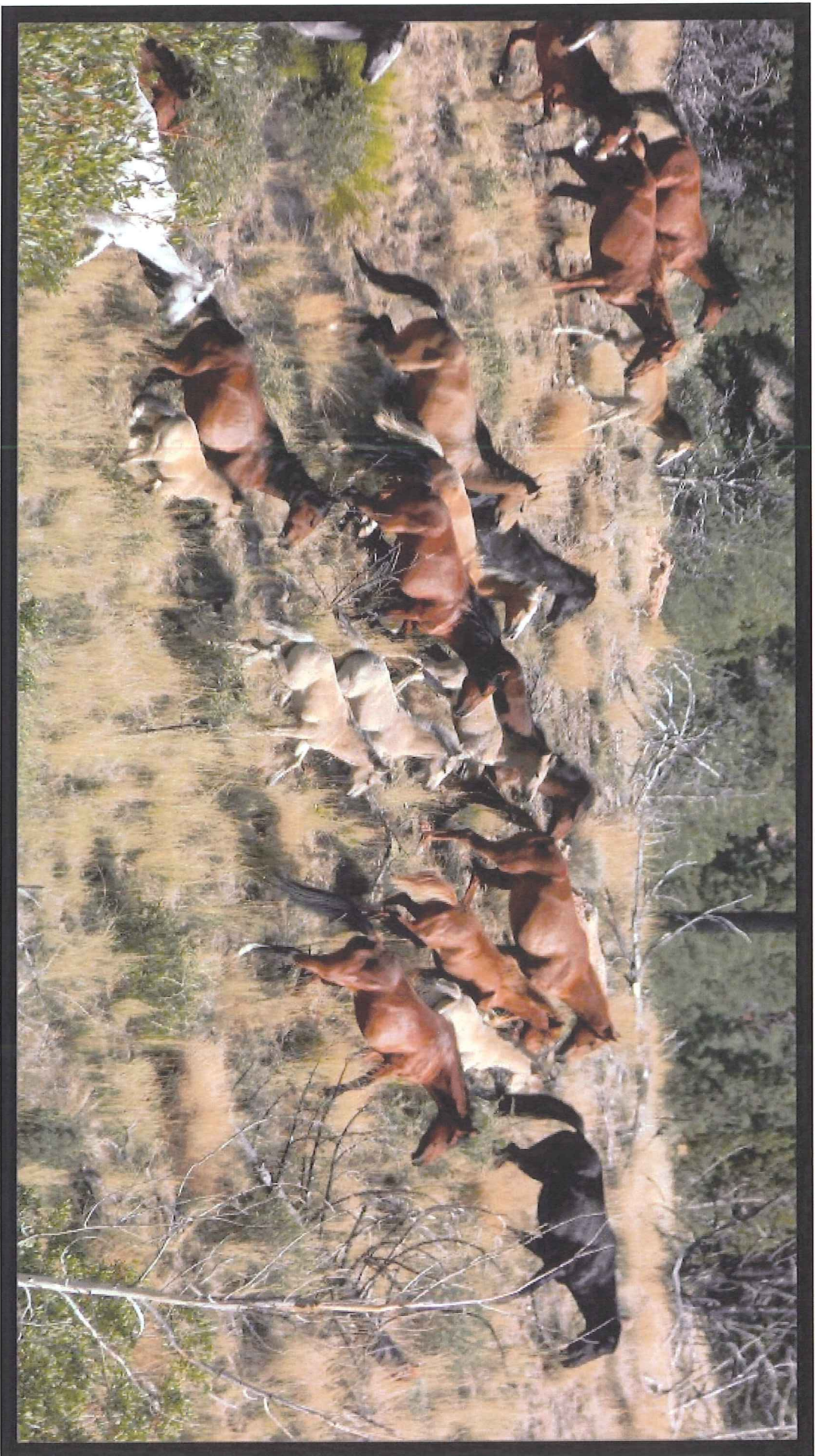


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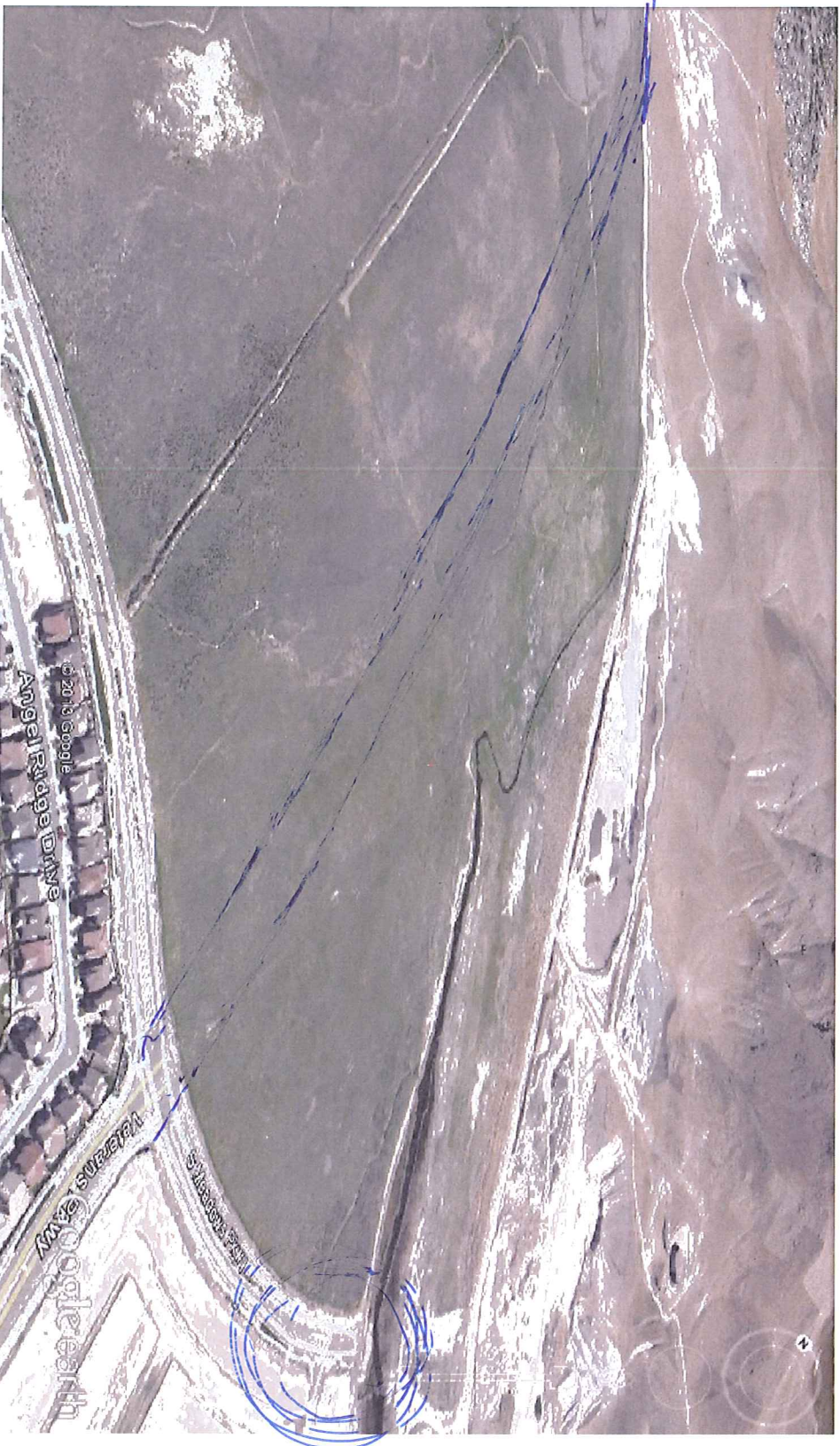


Virginia Range Horses the Reason for the 1971 WH&B act but excluded from protection

- **HISTORICAL NOTE: The Virginia Range wild horses (Northern Nevada) are the very horses that spurred Nevada's Wild Horse Annie, Velma Johnston, on a long grueling political journey, beginning in the 50's, to stop cruel atrocities inflicted upon wild horses by unenlightened humans who saw them only as an easy cash crop for slaughter (mustanging); only objects to satisfy their need for cruel excitement, pests, etc. Annie's journey ended in the passage of the federal 1971 Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act. Children were instrumental in helping to pass this Act. The Virginia Range was the on-site location of the movie, "The Misfits" (1950's), starring Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe. The "Misfits" graphically documented the cruelty inflicted upon the innocent wild horses of the Virginia Range.**
- **Ironically, the Virginia Range wild horses were excluded from the Act, as were many other wild horses across the western states. Mustanging continued in Storey County (NV) and surrounding counties until late 1993 when Storey County finally passed an ordinance prohibiting mustanging because of public outcry and zero tolerance for this senseless tradition.**
- In December 1990 which is the shortest and coldest days of the year, a mustanger with the approval of Storey County officials and brand inspection certificates issued by the Nevada Department of Agriculture, captured 391 wild horses through a grueling helicopter chase and trucked them directly to auction for slaughter in Idaho, North Platt NB and Texas. These 391 horses included stallions, mares, and foals.



Road will connect at veterans parkway, south meadows pkw dead ends at creek, possible site of main viewing platform and wild horse information /education center



last remaining water source for the wild horses in eastern reno, their native summer gra

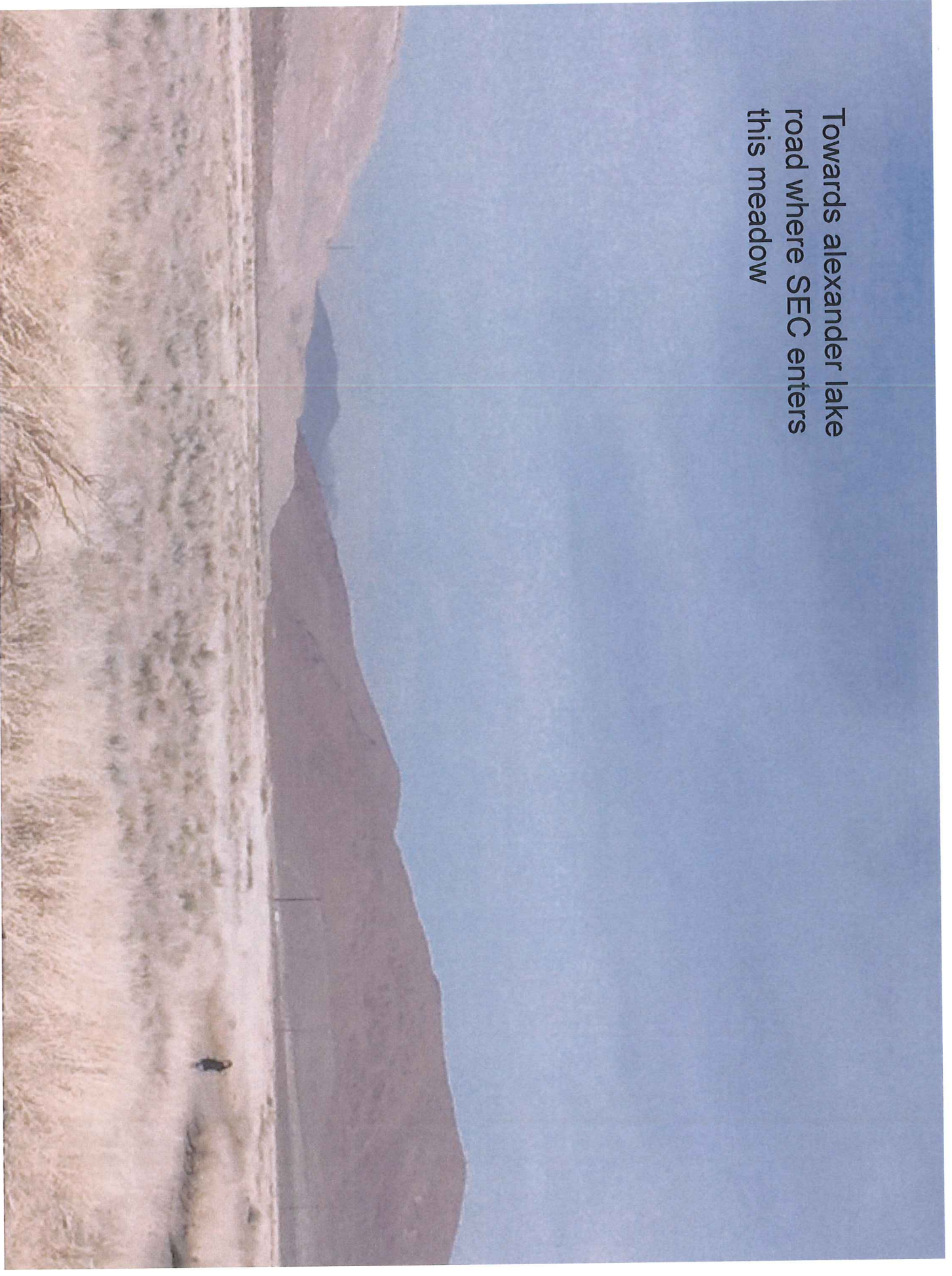
- Extends 5.5 miles from South Meadows Parkway and Veterans Parkway on the south end and terminates at the existing intersection of Greg Street and Sparks Boulevard on the north end.
- April 2014 Phase II (Clean Water Way to South Meadows Parkway) Design Complete
 - Construction soon after.



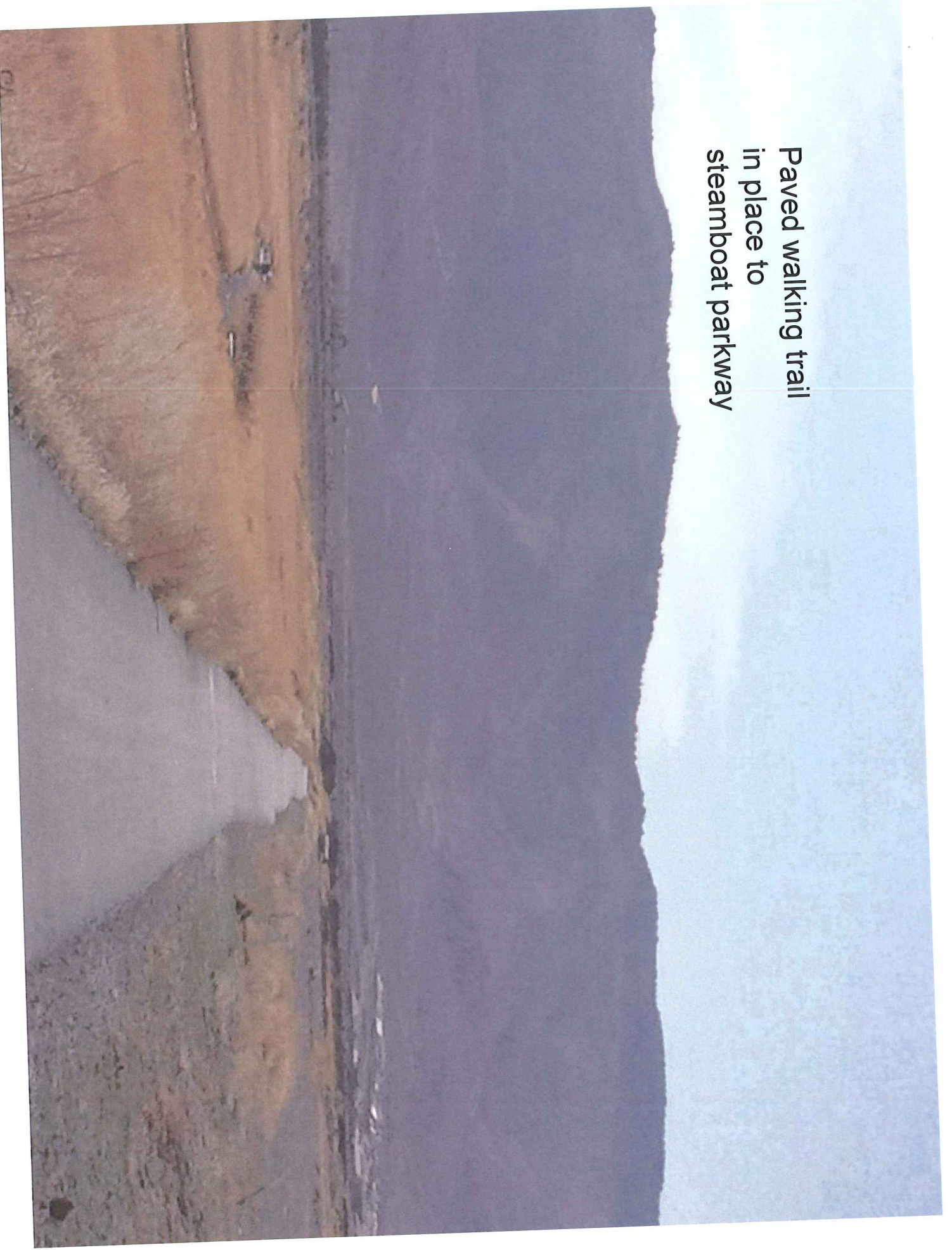
End of south meadows parkway— creek and wet lands directly in front of the road block,paved walking path exists going towards sage hill gun club> and dirt trail extends to the opposite going towards hidden valley and where the road will come into this meadow



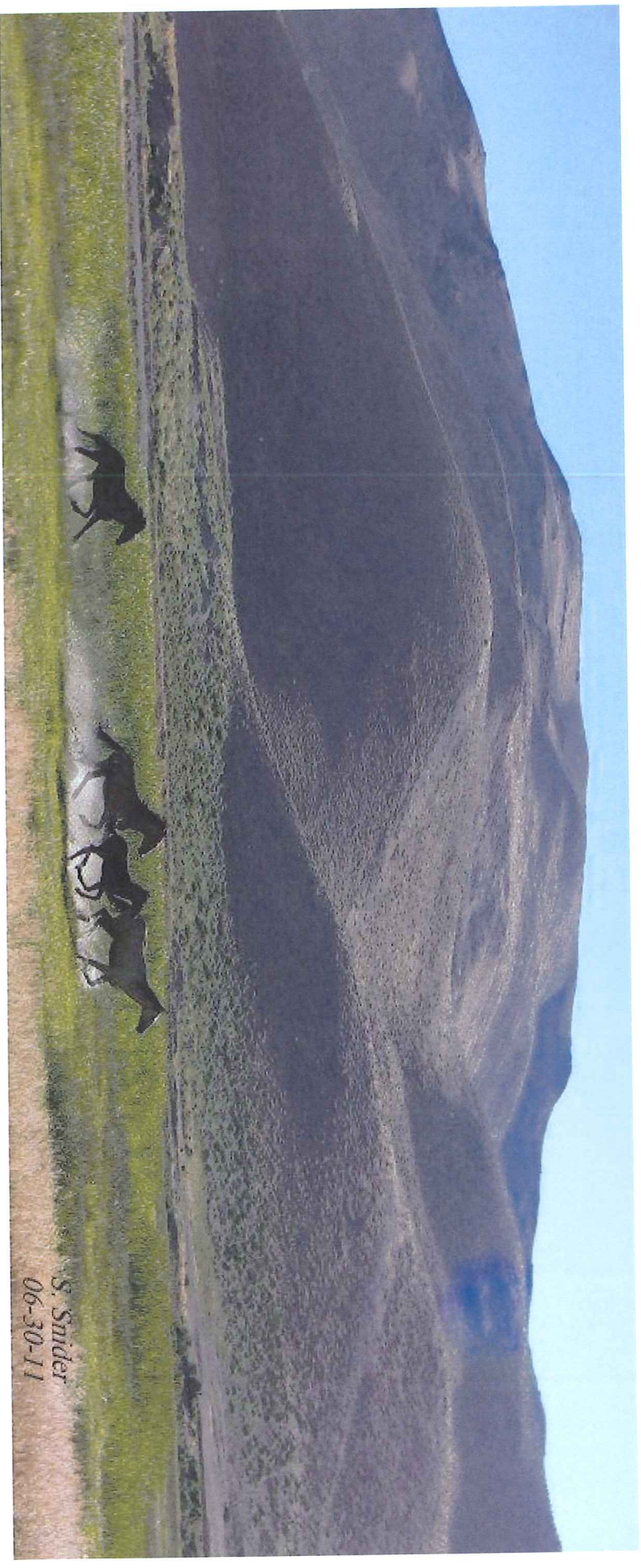
Towards alexander lake
road where SEC enters
this meadow



Paved walking trail
in place to
steamboat parkway



The meadow area in full bloom



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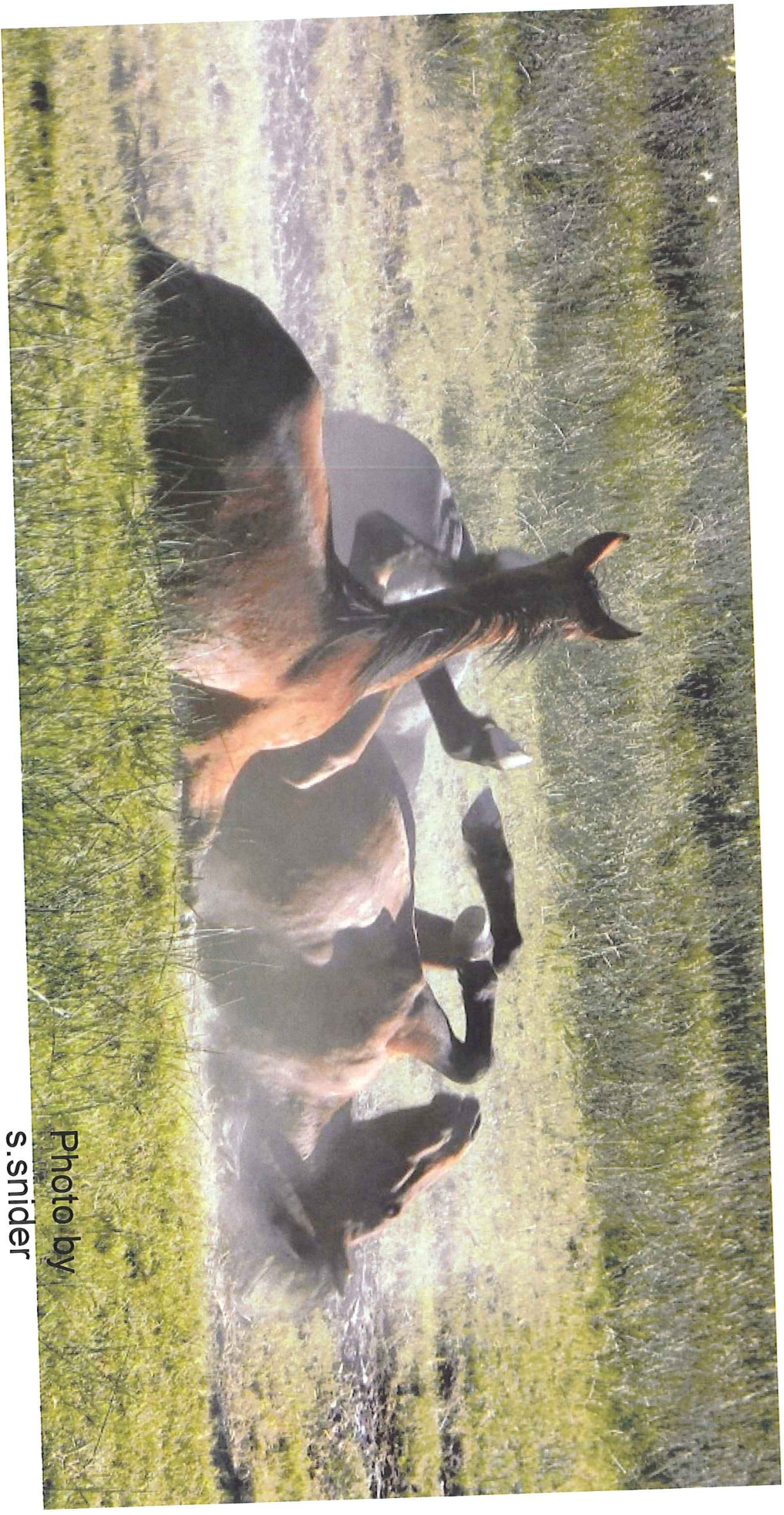


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Tourism/economic impact

- The Steamboat Creek corridor is a resource used by mule deer, coyotes, small mammals, and wild horses that move between the Virginia Range and the open space areas adjacent to Steamboat Creek and University Farms. RTC is researching potential protection and engineering strategies to protect existing wildlife; improve water and air quality; and restore vegetation
- Horse lovers, wildlife enthusiasts, as those with an interest in the history of the Nevada and Old West, could have the opportunity to enjoy wild horse excursions year-round. to non-intrusive observation of wild horse behavior and herd dynamics, from a distance, as the area is the only remaining water source to the horses that roam the range, eventually they all come there and this proximity could and in reality has become part of a unique experience for visitors to the reno area.
- The Virginia range horses in this manner and perhaps in ways not yet imagined or at least not yet revealed The VRWH could establish itself as an economic resource on for Nevada's tourism industry.
- There are already wild horse tours by private people and some proposals in Southern Nevada

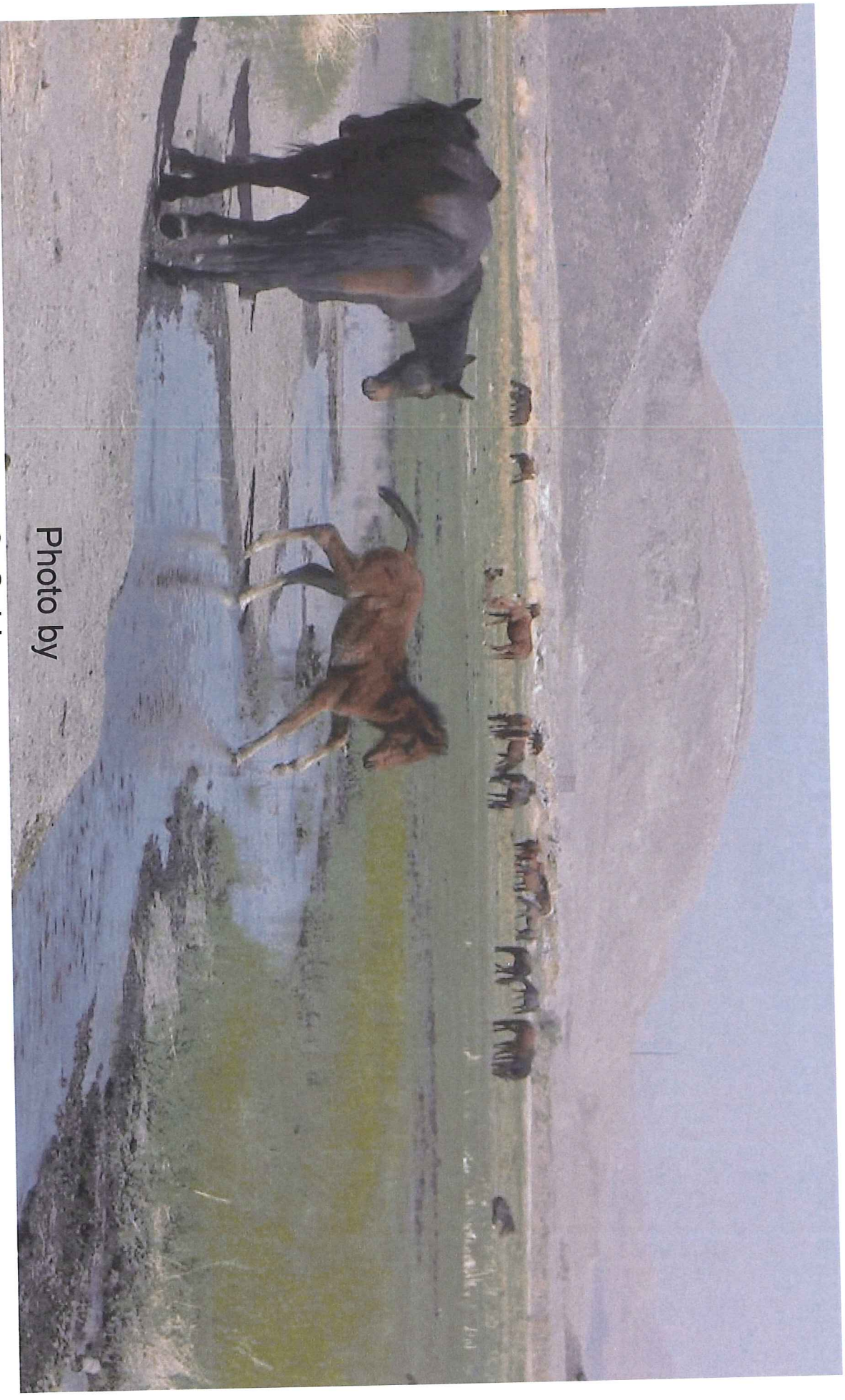
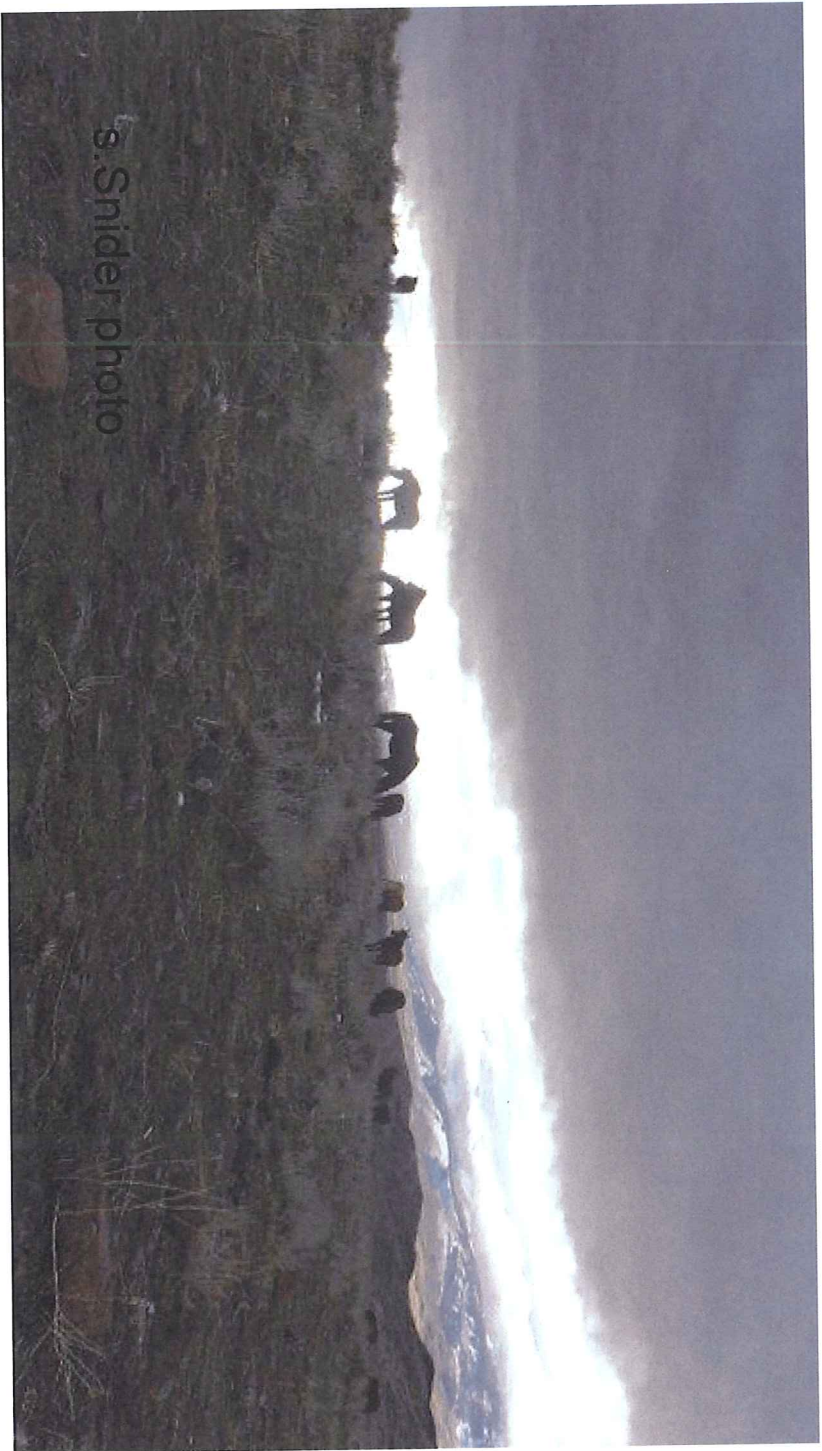


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On March 12, the NDA and RTF entered into a cooperative agreement

- Foster said the agreement was a positive step in the management of the stray horses.
- RTF President Neda DeMayo said that the agreement was a first step in the humane resolution of issues connected to the Virginia Range horses. She said her group will also work with Nevada agricultural authorities to develop strategies such as birth control, fencing, and diversionary feeding to eliminate the need to remove the animals from their range.
- “We look forward to working with Gov. (Brian) Sandoval and the Department of Agriculture to secure the long term solution which will keep these horses wild, safe and free ranging as well as (to) prevent any possible safety issues,” DeMayo said.
- Foster said that in addition to the Virginia Range, the cooperative agreement also applies to Washoe, Storey, and Lyon counties, as well as the Consolidated Municipality of Carson City.

